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I have the honour to inform you that on 24 February 1993, acting in accordance with the relevant Security Council resolutions, the Romanian authorities denied access to the Iron Gate lock to a Yugoslav convoy of 19 barges loaded with petroleum. As a result, 45 Yugoslav barges are presently blocking the Danube, thus bringing to a complete halt the navigation on this vital international waterway.

The action taken by the Yugoslav barges is another retaliatory act against a country that is implementing the sanctions imposed by the Security Council on the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). Moreover, the blocking of the Danube inflicts further considerable losses on the economies of the riparian States that have already sustained significant damage due to the sanctions regime.

Hungary seeks early and effective action by the Security Council to remedy this intolerable situation.

I would kindly ask you, Excellency, to have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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